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MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Carey Baptist Association,

...1897...

THE DAVISTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

Daviston, Ala., October 12, 13 and 14.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The Moderator shall call the meeting to order.

Read the letters and enroll the names of messengers.

Elect a Moderator and Clerk.

The Clerk shall be Treasurer.

Moderator appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.

Read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Receive Correspondents from sister Associations.

Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations and Conventions.

Call for reports of Standing Committees.

Approve places of holding district meetings.

Appoint a person to write Corresponding Letters.

The Preaching Committee to report who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session.

Appoint time and place of holding the next session of this Association.

Hear the Report on Finance.

Consider resolutions that may be entertained by the body.

Miscellaneous business.

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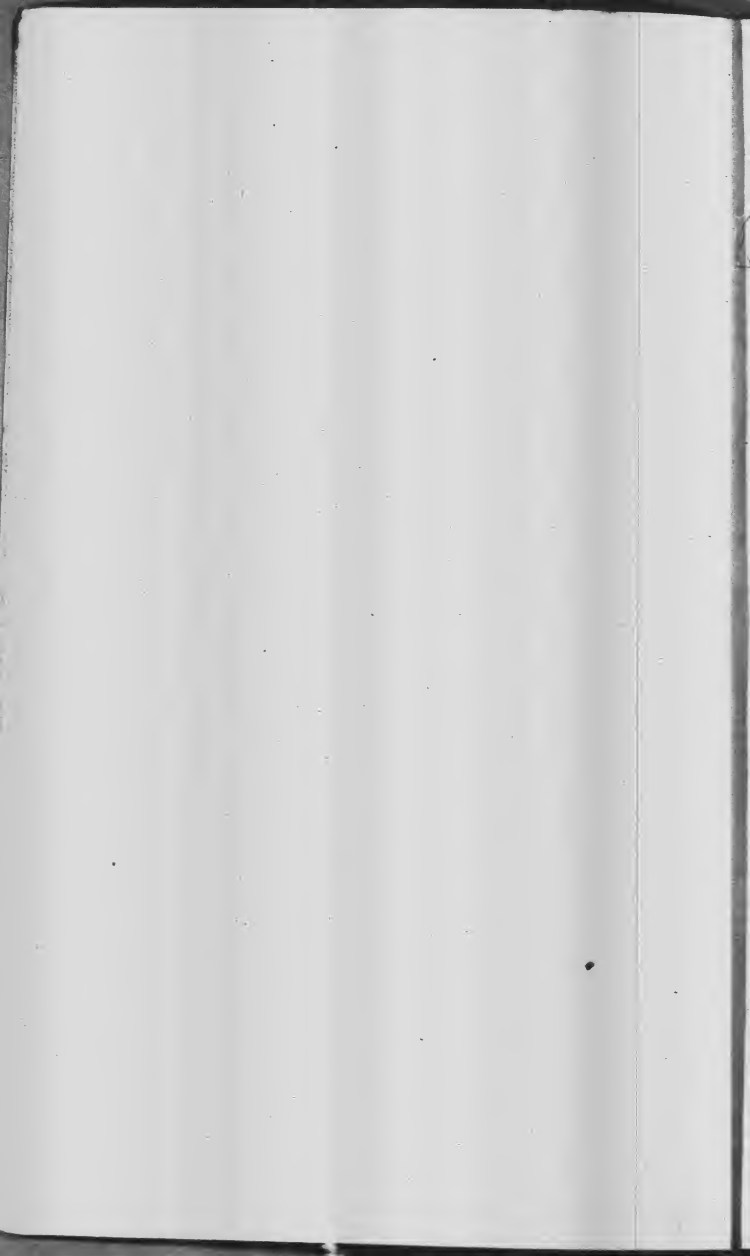
OFFICERS:

REV. W. T. DAVIS, MODERATOR, Lineville Ala.

J. A. BELL, CLERK AND TREASURER, Lineville, Ala.

The next session of the Carey Baptist Association will be held with Concord Church, Clay County, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1898.

PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,
TALLADEGA, ALA.,
1897.



MINUTES.

The ministers and messengers composing the forty-third annual session of the Carey Baptist Association assembled with Daviston Baptist Church on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

After singing and prayer, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Preston. Text, Luke 22 : 29 and 30.

AFTERNOON SESSION—I : 30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. T. Davis, and after the devotional exercises, conducted by John P. Shaffer, the letters from the churches were read by C. J. Bentley, G. S. Anderson and F. J. Ingram, and the following messengers from the churches were enrolled :

ASHLAND—J. R. Jarrell, J. J. Smith and L. G. Dean.

ANTIOCH—D. L. Haynes and W. P. Webber.

HATCHET CREEK—T. W. White and J. L. Ingram.

FRIENDSHIP—

LIBERTY—G. C. Haynes, T. R. Pruett and J. H. Allen.

MOUNT LEBANON—

ROCK HILL—

SPRING HILL (Clay)—J. W. Treadwell and M. W. Whatley.

POLE BRIDGE—J. W. Riley.

BOWDON GROVE—N. V. Thomas and C. J. Hamlin.

MOUNT ZION—S. E. Bradberry and M. Allen.

MILLERVILLE—J. W. Martin.

NEW SALEM—J. O. Davis, B. J. Worthy and C. G. Cook.

PROVIDENCE—E. C. Holdridge, J. V. M. Polk and W. B. Sorley.

ROCKEY CREEK—P. W. Mahan and R. J. Moody.

ROCK SPRINGS—B. F. Luker and F. J. Ingram.

SARDIS—H. H. Burns.

UNION HILL—W. J. Williams.

BETHEL (Clay)—A. W. Brewer, John Truett and M. Parrish.

COUNTY LINE—H. H. Beard, E. J. Fargason, W. S. Miller, J. W. Dean and L. Leftwich.

CORINTH—

LYSTRA—J. H. Gaither and J. W. Bass.

MOUNT CALVARY—J. P. Motley and C. A. Allen.

MOUNT OLIVE—J. L. Muncus, J. W. Wright and Theo. Rotton.
 MOUNT PISGAH—A. J. Mathis, J. I. Waldrop and J. T. Mountain.
 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS—W. G. Worthy, W. H. Lowery and J. A. Burns.
 UNION—J. L. Edwards, R. E. N. Price, G. W. McClain and J. P. Motley.
 SPRING HILL (Tal.)—O. J. Ison, W. B. Thompson, J. D. Dunn and J. M. Boon.
 ANTIOCH—L. B. Champion and J. D. Pepper.
 CONCORD—Z. T. Carpenter and J. T. Watts.
 GOOD HOPE—M. H. Weaver and Sol. Whatley.
 LINEVILLE—J. W. Moon, J. A. Bell, O. T. Smith, C. S. Weaver and W. P. Arnett.
 MOUNT PROSPECT—J. W. T. Hendon, J. T. Floyd and J. B. Cockrell.
 NEW HOPE—W. W. Wilson and J. D. Farrow.
 SALEM—W. M. Farrow, J. Bradford and J. A. Farrow.
 SHILOAH—A. P. Oslin and N. D. Parker.
 ZION HILL—W. B. Smith, J. W. Ingram and J. C. Bruce.
 MT. PLEASANT—R. H. McCain and Thomas Moore.
 HOLLY SPRINGS—J. O. Muncus, J. L. Jordan and W. M. Muncus.

Call for petitionary letters: Received a letter from Antioch Baptist Church. Church was admitted into the Association.

W. T. Davis, of Lineville, Ala., was re-elected Moderator, and J. A. Bell, of Lineville, Ala., was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Correspondents were received, viz:

EAST LIBERTY—J. P. Shaffer, G. L. Bell, W. C. Bledsoe, A. S. Brannan, J. L. Gregory, J. O. Bledsoe, R. A. J. Cumbee, Henry Jarrell, F. P. Nichols, J. E. McGlaughn, J. M. Bolton, G. W. Adair, J. T. Harris, W. J. Busbee, F. M. Handly, J. W. Grammil, T. J. Blackwelder and W. W. Still.
 ROCK MILLS—Richard Moore.
 BOILING SPRINGS—J. A. Shadix.
 TUSKEGEE—G. S. Anderson.
 CENTRAL—W. R. Whatley.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report at the present session:

PREACHING COMMITTEE—H. H. Beard, Z. T. Carpenter, with pastor and messengers of Daviston Church.
 FINANCE COMMITTEE—M. W. Whatley, O. T. Smith and F. J. Ingram.

On motion, hours of meeting were adopted as follows: Commence at 8:30 A. M. and adjourn at 4 P. M.

Committee on Hospitality made report, and then, on motion, the body adjourned.

Preaching Committee announced that Dr. W. C. Bledsoe would preach at 8 P. M., in the church, and Rev. A. S. Brannan at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, and Dr. G. S. Anderson at 11 o'clock, in the grove.

WEDNESDAY, October 13—8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Whatley, after which correspondents were appointed as follows :

EAST LIBERTY—C. J. Hamlin, W. T. Davis, J. A. Bell, J. R. Conger, R. M. Allen, W. O. Jenkins, U. V. Thomas, W. H. Preston, C. J. Bentley, M. A. Johnson, J. J. Smith, W. P. Arnett, J. W. Jones, A. D. Thompson, J. W. Moon, H. J. Willingham, Z. T. Carpenter, M. W. Whatley, H. H. Beard, N. D. Parker, J. W. Dean, L. B. Champion, W. H. Preston, F. J. Ingram.

BOILING SPRINGS—W. O. Jenkins, C. J. Hamlin, W. H. Preston, W. T. Davis, J. T. Watts, C. J. Bentley.

ROCK MILLS—W. R. Rotton, R. M. Allen, W. M. Worthy, J. W. Lowrey, J. W. Jones, J. L. Edwards and J. H. Giles.

CENTRAL—C. J. Bentley, B. F. Luker, J. M. Luker and M. A. Johnson.

COOSA RIVER—W. T. Davis, W. O. Jenkins, H. J. Willingham, M. A. Johnson and A. C. Johnson.

TALLAPOOSA RIVER—J. A. Dunn.

ARBACOCHE—W. H. Preston, J. C. Motley, J. T. Motley, J. W. Dean, L. Leftwich, W. M. Whatley, F. J. Ingram, W. P. Arnett.

CALHOUN—W. O. Jenkins.

STATE CONVENTION—C. J. Bentley, W. H. Preston, J. R. Jarrell, J. C. Motley, J. A. Dunn, W. T. Davis, W. O. Jenkins, R. M. Allen, J. R. Conger, J. D. Pepper, W. B. Thompson, W. P. Arnett, A. D. Thompson, B. F. Luker, F. J. Ingram, W. M. Worthy, J. W. Jones and J. W. Lowrey.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—To convene at Norfolk, Virginia, May, 1898: W. T. Davis, Alternate: C. J. Bentley.

It was suggested that the churches defray the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Times and places of holding district meetings :

FIRST DISTRICT—To convene with Ashland church, Friday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1897.

SECOND DISTRICT—To convene with Rock Springs church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1898.

THIRD DISTRICT—To convene with Union church.

FOURTH DISTRICT—To convene with Lineville church, Friday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1898.

On motion, it was agreed to have all reports on missions read and discussed under one head. Reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions were read. On motion, it was agreed to discuss the above reports at night.

The report on Sabbath-schools was read. Discussed by Brethren J. D. Dunn, C. J. Bentley, J. P. Shaffer, G. S. Anderson, Jas. O. Bledsoe, W. R. Whatley, R. E. Conger, R. M. Allen. Adopted.

Adjourned for one hour.

Report on Temperance read. Discussed by W. H. Preston, W. R. Whatley, G. S. Anderson. Adopted.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Report on Bible and Colportage work was read and discussed by W. T. Davis, W. C. Bledsoe, T. B. Fargason, C. J. Bently. Adopted.

Preaching Committee announced that Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee would preach at 3 o'clock in the grove.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the following amounts were pledged for the ensuing year for Missions :

Ashland	\$25.00	Mt. Zion	\$ 5.00
Bethel	2.50	New Hope	2.00
Bowden Grove	4.00	Providence	20.00
Concord	5.00	Rock Springs	10.00
County Line	5.00	Salem	5.00
Good Hope	10.00	Sardis	10.00
Hatchett Creek	5.00	Shiloah	10.00
Liberty	10.00	Spring Hill (Clay)	10.00
Lineville	100.00	Spring Hill (Tal)	30.00
Lystra	5.00	Union	5.00
Millerville	20.00	Zion Hill	2.00
Mt. Calvary	5.00	Mountain Springs	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	10.00	Antioch (Clay)	5.00
		Mt. Pisgah	2.00

Report on Periodicals was read. Discussed by W. C. Bledsoe. Adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home was read. Discussed by J. P. Shaffer, J. C. Motley and J. R. Stodghill. Adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was sus-

pended and the following resolution was introduced by J. R. Jarrell:

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Whitsett, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Professor of Church History, in his deliverances has betrayed a want of harmony with his denomination and offended his brethren and thereby originated confusion, division and strife with the constituency of that institution, thus demonstrating his incapacity to administer the affairs of that school.

Therefore, we as an Association do hereby put ourselves on record as petitioning the authorities in the premises to displace said Dr. W. H. Whitsett from his place as President and Instructor in said Seminary.

Discussed by C. J. Bentley, J. P. Shaffer, J. L. Gregory, J. C. Motley, J. R. Stodghill and W. R. Whatley. Adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

7:30 P. M.

J. L. Gregory, acting Moderator.

The subject of Missions was discussed by Dr. J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, G. S. Anderson, T. B. Fargason, J. D. Dunn, W. T. Davis, J. L. Gregory, and adopted.

A collection was taken up for State Missions. Collected \$10.75.

Adjourned until 8:30 A. M., Thursday.

THURSDAY, 8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. H. Burns.

The report on Ministerial Education was read. Discussed by Brethren J. R. Conger, G. S. Anderson, J. P. Shaffer, J. R. Stodghill, J. L. Gregory, J. C. Motley, W. O. Jenkins and Richard Moore. Adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

The clerk was appointed to write the corresponding letter.

Rev. J. R. Stodghill was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the body.

A motion prevailed that the next session of this Association be held with Concord Baptist Church, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1898.

On motion a collection was taken up for the Orphans' Home. Amount, \$11.02.

The following resolutions were offered :

Resolved, 1st, That the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for preparing minutes.

Resolved, 2d, That the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to the Baptist church and citizens of Daviston for the very hospitable manner in which the Association was entertained.

Miscellaneous business.

A collection was taken for Bro. I. N. Cole. Amount, \$11.72. Also a collection for Antioch church. Amount, \$7.60.

Dr. John P. Shaffer made a short talk, after which Dr. W. C. Bledsoe led in prayer.

The Moderator announced that the Association stood adjourned.

W. T. DAVIS, MODERATOR.

J. A. BELL, CLERK.

Amount pledged to pay what is due Bro. Davis for work :

Ashland	\$2 00	Rock Springs	\$1 00
Concord	1 00	Spring Hill (Tal.)	1 50
County Line	1 00	Union	50
Lineville	5 00	Zion Hill	2 50
Millerville	2 50	Mountain Springs	1 00
Providence	3 00	Antioch (Clay)	1 00
Total	\$24.00.		

These amounts are now due and expected to be paid at once.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptists of Alabama in the division of the mission work have given to the State Board the following points:

1. EVANGELISTIC.
2. MISSIONARY PASTORAL WORK.
3. INSTITUTE WORK.
4. BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

1. We now have six Evangelists operating under the direction of this Board, to wit: A. E. Burns in North Alabama; J. W. Sandlin in North-west Alabama; J. V. Dickinson in West Alabama; Geo. S. Anderson in East Alabama; W. A. Parker, Sr., in South-west Alabama; and A. J. Preston in South-east Alabama; together with several Associational Missionary Evangelists in different sections of the State. These are earnest, consecrated men of God who are preaching the gospel of peace in the destitute portion of this commonwealth, and to awaken and cultivate a deeper interest in the great commission to "Go Teach All Nations"—and all work fostered by our people.

2. MISSIONARY PASTORAL WORK is carried on by this Board in such places as it may deem important. These Pastors are appointed by the Board and supported by the denomination. This is a very important branch of missionary work in a great and growing State like Alabama, where towns spring up in the mining districts, and strangers oftentimes with strange religions are brought within our borders.

3. The Board authorizes INSTITUTE WORK to be carried on by each Evangelist in his own district. Brother G. S. Anderson has done much work of this kind in our own district. His Institute work is much appreciated in this Association by all our people and especially by our ministers who have been so fortunate as to attend them. We would most earnestly commend Brother Anderson's work in this line.

4. BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE work is encouraged by this Board wherever possible. It has in its employ some good and efficient missionary Colporteurs. However, it is thought best that this work be done by the Association, the work done to be reported to the State Board so as to reach permanent record. The Carey has just cause to be grateful for the work done along this line by Brethren Driver, Davis and Dunn. The placing of the Word of God and other religious literature in the hands of the people, is a work the importance of which it is difficult to overestimate.

Besides the above duties the State Board has charge of Home and Foreign Missions and earnestly looks after these great interests.

The State Mission Journal is the organ of the State Board, and we commend it to all our people. The Journal is edited by the Sec-

retary of the Board, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, Montgomery, Alabama, and the price is 50 cents per annum, or 25 cents in clubs of ten.

Your Committee most earnestly commends the work of the State Board. It is our work, it is God's work, and deserves our sympathy, prayers and help; and if we would see Alabama continue to our children, the Christian community that it should be, we must meet at our gates the influx of foreign population, and present to them the Word of God and break to them the Bread of Life. Through this Board is a most efficient channel of doing this important work for the Master.

M. W. WHATLEY.
JAS. R. JARRELL.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Home Mission Board, or Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has its headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, with Dr. L. T. Tichenor as its worthy Secretary.

This Board has supervision of the work among our own native white population in destitute localities, among the Negroes, among the Indians, in the mountain regions, among the foreigners—especially in large cities—and in Cuba.

There are many places in some States where destitution is very great, and especially is this the case in Louisiana, Texas, and the Indian Territory.

This destitution the Home Mission Board is attempting to supply in co-operation with State work already organized.

God has brought to our doors a large population of a race whose history is already blended inseparably with our own Southland, and this people look to us for spiritual food and for a pure gospel. We have done something already for the negro, but they yet invite our deepest sympathy and most hearty support as a people destined and yet to play an important part in our nation's history. The Home Board work among them is doing much good to elevate them as a race and fit them for preaching to their own people the gospel of Jesus.

The mountain region of the Carolinas, Tennessee, and other States is fast becoming populated and these strongholds of life and energy are seized on by the Home Board work.

Many foreigners land annually on our Southern shores, bringing with them their hurtful and blighting notions of false religions and isms. To these the Gospel of Christ is presented 'ere their feet have pressed the soil of a free republic, where their pernicious doctrines come to inoculate our own people.

The work in Cuba is almost at a standstill, but we are trying to hold our own there expecting when Cuba shall be free to speed on to that Island home the glad news of spiritual freedom in the death of Jesus on the cross.

Then among the Red men who once roamed as monarchs of the Western woods but whose freedom has been so abruptly checked through the intrusion of the white man, this Board has endeavored to plant the banner of Jesus, and there to tell to that people of another happy land other than that of which the Indian loves to dream as the Red man's happy hunting ground.

This good work has been felt in all our Southland, and its claims

upon us are yet great when we remember that this is the pioneer mission work of our country and much remains to be done.

Its receipts for the Convention year of 1896-97 in cash, and boxes of clothing for frontier missionaries were \$103,848.40.

We herewith append a statistical table furnished by the Home Board of its work for the year just closed:

SUMMARY.

Summary of work for the past conventional year is as follows:

Missionaries	411
Weeks of labor	11,075
Churches and stations	1,626
Sermons and addresses	48,508
Prayer-meetings	11,237
Religious visits	62,175
Baptisms	5,617
Received by letter	6,672
Total additions	13,295
Churches constituted	207
Houses of worship built	92
Houses of worship improved	129
Amount expended on houses of worship	\$ 52,040
Sunday-schools organized	372
Teachers and pupils	10,725
Bibles and Testaments	2,595
Tracts distributed (pages)	645,346

The State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Arkansas and Indian Territory and Western North Carolina are in co-operation with us in part or the whole of their work.

C. J. BENTLEY.
J. W. MOON.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Much has been said, and essay after essay has been written; report after report has been made, and great good has been accomplished. Hundreds of souls have been quickened and brought to life by preaching the gospel in heathen lands. It is said that 700,000,000 people are yet in heathenism, perishing without the gospel. We learn from Romans 1:16 that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Now, how did the gospel reach us? Only by others obeying the command. Then, to us, the gospel came free. Let us freely give, as we freely received. One hundred and five years ago William Carey stood alone as the first missionary in India, and now the time is near at hand when she will do her own preaching and will be self-sustaining. Dear Brethren, if the gospel is God's power anywhere, is it not every where? The great Judson only saw seven converts in the first fourteen years of his missionary tour, but at the expiration of 32 years he had not only translated the Bible into Berman, but was permitted to see 7,361 converts. Then, was his life a failure, or was the expense too much? No, a thousand times no. Among the Telugus in 1866 there were 11 baptisms and 38 members, and in 1889 there were 6,000 baptisms. In

the region of Lake Victoria 18 years ago there was not a missionary there. Now there are 40,000 Christian natives and 200 churches. In the Fijii Island the natives, 60 years ago, were cannibals. Today they have 800 churches and four-fifths have accepted Christ. In 1872 the first church was organized in Japan. Twenty years after there were 365 churches and 35,000 church members, 359 theological students and 233 ordained native preachers. Time would fail me to tell of the wonderful work that is being done in the foreign fields today with 12,011 foreign missionaries, 60,164 native assistants, 1,251,172 communicants in the foreign lands and the number of communicants doubling in less than every ten years. Now, who can say the work is a failure and nothing has been done? Now, there are 800,000,000 heathen yet in darkness. Shall we not help?

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend the Alabama Baptist as worthy of support and confidence. We believe it has done and is still doing much to build up and unify the churches in all of our denominational interests. But in order to make it still more effectual, it should be more extensively read by our people. We recommend our Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday-school helps. We believe it to be as good, if not better than any other literature. We further insist on our people using it, because it is an enterprise of the Southern Baptists and it should be supported by us.

We recommend the mission journals to all our churches and people. The Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and State Mission Monthly.

We believe by a perusal of these periodicals, our people would do more for missions than they are now doing. We earnestly ask our brethren to study these journals, for we believe they will be an incentive to do more for our fellows who are dying without the sweet story of Jesus.

Very respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. JARRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST AND COLPORTEUR.

Number of Bibles and Testaments sold, 206; value \$98.47. Number of religious books sold, 45; value, \$14.50. Bibles and Testaments donated, 7; value \$1.95. Total value \$114.60. Number of Sunday-school lectures, 10; number of prayer meetings attended, 36; number sermons preached, 62; number families visited, 205; number of miles traveled, 780; Days work done, 135: Amount due, \$112.50.

W. T. DAVIS, Evan. and Col.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

The inspired man of God, towit: Paul, tells us to be temperate in all things. Then we ought to be temperate in eating and sleeping, in fact, in all of our habits, and especially in the use of strong drink. If you will suffer me to use an encyclopedia in the following quotation, "Intemperance is the grievous sin of our country; it has destroyed more lives than wars, famine and pestilence. And if we would listen to divine admonition, we hear it speak in the catalogue of vices that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. We see from the reports of the brewers of the United States how 500,000 hands in their employ and the fruits of their labors are the destruction of 2,000,000 men and boys annually. The world consumes \$900,000,000 annually for alcoholic liquors." The same report shows for missions, \$5,500,000; for public education, \$85,000,000; boots and shoes, \$155,000,000; cotton goods, \$210,000,000; iron and steel, \$290,000,000; meat, \$300,000,000; bread, \$506,000,000; tobacco, \$600,000,000; liquor, \$900,000,000, which is \$500,000 more for whiskey than for bread and meat, missions and public education. My God! My God! When will this evil cease? The cost of liquor annually would support 900,000 missionaries, on a salary of \$1,000 each, and twenty converts to each missionary annually. Would educate 1,800,000 children on a salary of \$500 annually, saying nothing of the evils of 500,000 men employed in rotting grain, destroying food and turning it into poison, killing its thousands and making wives widows, and children orphans.

God says in Proverbs 20:1 that, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 23:29 says, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? He that tarreth long at the wine." God tells us that no drunkard can enter heaven. Christ tells us in Mathew 24:49-51 verses, that if man eats and drinks with the drunken that he will cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrits. Now God says not to look upon the wine cup when it is red, when it moves itself aright, when it gives its color in the cup. - Man says, "Not so;" and not only so; but says, "Drink, it will not hurt you." God says at last, "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder;" but some Christians says, "Not so, it will do you good." And again, Christ says, that a man who eats and drinks with the drunken he will cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrits; Christians say, he will go to heaven. Now in conclusion, let me say, that the use of strong drink has blighted our churches and has crowded our insane asylums and penitentiaries with its victims. Oh! May God help every Christian to help put this evil down.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PRESTON, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN: While we can not make anything like as good a report as we would like to do, yet there has been a gradual increase in the work for the last four years.

In 1894 there were only seven Sunday-schools in our Association; in 1895 there were eleven Sunday-schools; in 1896 there were thirteen Sunday-schools. This year seventeen churches report Sunday-schools. We are very glad to note this increase, but among

these seventeen Sunday-schools there are only five that continue during the entire year.

We notice that the Sunday-school church is a missionary church, and the missionary preacher is a Sunday-school preacher, and when preachers, deacons, superintendents and members are Sunday-school workers there is always a live, energetic, spiritual church, and when otherwise the church is cold, formal and unmissionary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. DUNN, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

The history of ministerial education is inseparably connected with the history of the Baptist people in the state of Alabama. Indeed, our forefathers in the Baptist faith had in view in establishing our institutions of learning the most thorough preparation of our ministry for the Master's work.

This need of preparation has been felt more and more as the history of our country is made and men advance along every line of progress. We do not speak in respect, exclusively, of a thorough collegiate or seminary training when we suggest that one of the greatest needs of our work is a trained ministry, but we mention the thought that some training and special ministerial and pastoral help is greatly demanded if our people are developed in God's work among our many churches growing up all over this land of ours. This much being granted, we suggest that many avenues are already open by which our preachers, who may be interested and who may receive encouragement from the churches, may enter in and clothe themselves with such help as they may need under God for His work.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary offers superior advantages for ministerial education for all classes of preachers. Howard College, our own state institution, stands with open doors bidding our brethren enter, and finally, but not the least of all, is the Institute work and Correspondence Course offered to our brethren and very ably conducted by Rev. G. S. Anderson, who is with us this session. This work comes to the pastor on the field and bids him come and get strength for future labors.

Your committee suggests that the Association appoint an Institute Committee to work up this part of ministerial education for the ensuing year in our bounds.

Many of our sister Associations are assisting in this work of education by words of encouragement and by giving their means for support, and it seems high time for the Carey Association to awake out of sleep, for our responsibilities are greater than ever before and God's hand is pointing the way of duty.

Brethren, let us do something for this good cause, knowing that on this effort depends largely the future development of our church members in individual responsibility in the work of Jesus Christ on earth.

Respectfully,

J. R. CONGER,
Chairman.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Its name is Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphan's Home of Alabama.

The first steps taken towards its establishment was when Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson made known to the State Baptist Convention in November '90, that she would give all her real estate for the maintenance of the Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama.

The Home was temporarily located at Evergreen, January 16, 1893, the present Financial Secretary being asked to take the management of it, without remuneration, he being then pastor at Evergreen.

March 10, 1893, in a small rented house, the Home was opened to receive the first inmates. By November of that year we had received 22 children, and the trustees decided to locate the home permanently.

After daily advertising for bids for a location, Evergreen was chosen, and property purchased, consisting of 80 acres of land lying on Main street, 30 of which is in cultivation, 30 in pasture and 20 in woods.

The buildings were a ten room brick house, and three tenant houses.

The purchase price of the property was \$5,000, which with interest on the deferred payments amounted to \$5,400.33, which has been paid.

The boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

All that are old enough attend the Southwestern Alabama Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, the matriculation and incidental fees amounting to about \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year for each pupil.

All attend Sunday-school and church.

The current expenses amount to about \$6.00 per month for each child.

Since the Home was started there have been gathered into it 33 boys and 37 girls, and out of it have gone by apprenticeship 2 boys; returned to their people 5 boys, 4 girls; by adoption 10 boys, 12 girls, leaving in the Home 16 boys, 21 girls.

Important improvements are being made in arrangement of the Home by which we are to have eleven new rooms added, and all the old ones renovated.

Money is greatly needed to complete this work and pay for food for the children. Will not the churches, Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies and friends remember us and send regular contributions.

The children have come from nineteen counties as follows:

Barbour, 3; Butler, 3; Conecuh, 2; Escambia, 7; Lee, 3; Marengo, 4; Montgomery, 2; Bibb, 2; Chambers, 1; Covington, 8; Limestone, 1; Monroe, 4; Pike, 2; Russell, 1; Talladega, 8; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 3; Walker 6; Jefferson, 8.

J. C. MOTLEY,
M. A. JOHNSON,
J. T. MOUNTAIN,
Committee.

If our friends will help us right soon we can get the house so we can move back in it. We are now crowded into six rooms, on

account of repairs being made on the main house. It takes about \$7.00 a day to pay our current expense. Oh, that our people would help us care for these poor children.

Very truly,
JOHN W. STEWART,
Financial Secretary.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, on Finance, submit the following report:

We find for minutes, cash	\$53 85	
Bible and Colportage—		
Cash	62 25	
Voucher	2 05—	\$64 30
Home Missions—		
Cash	40 67	
Voucher	5 75—	46 42
Foreign Missions—		
Cash	54 12	
Voucher	33 61—	87 73
State Missions—		
Cash	54 94	
Voucher	33 17—	88 11
Orphans' Home—		
Cash	7 45	
Voucher	25 52—	32 97
Ministerial Education—		
Voucher	2 50—	2 50
Exp. of del. to S. B. Convention—		
Voucher	5 10—	5 10
Indigent Ministers—		
Cash	35—	35
Howard College—		
Voucher	5 00—	5 00
Greensboro House—		
Voucher	2 00—	2 00
Total amount cash		\$273 63
Total amount vouchers		114 70
Grand total		\$ 388 33

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. INGRAM,
M. W. WHATLEY,
O. T. SMITH,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, appointed Eld. W. T. Davis, Evangelist and Colporteur to do not exceeding five months' work at a salary of twenty-five dollars per month, to be paid out of money sent up for this work, or state mission money undirected; work to begin in April,

1897. Amount of work done to be reported to the Carey Baptist Association at its coming session.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. HAYNES, W. P. BELL,
A. P. OSLIN, Z. T. CARPENTER,
E. A. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To amount received from:

Finance Committee	\$273 63
General Collection for Orphans' Home	11 02
General Collection for State Missions	10 75
General Collection to make up shortage on amount due W. T. Davis	20 35
Total	\$315 75

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By am't voucher from W. C. Bledsoe	\$157 53
By am't voucher from W. C. Bledsoe	11 02
By am't paid W. T. Davis through order of Ex. Com.	10 75
By am't voucher from W. T. Davis	62 25
By am't voucher from W. T. Davis	20 35
By am't paid for minutes, including Clerk's services	53 85
Total	\$315 75

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—C. J. Bentley, J. W. Waiker, G. Hamlin.
HOME MISSIONS—M. W. WHATLEY, Z. T. Carpenter, Munk
Ingram.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. R. Conger, F. J. Ingram, W. H. Harvell.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—W. D. Haynes, E. A. Phillips, W. P. Bell,
A. P. Oslin, Y. J. A. Bartlett.
BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK—J. C. Motley, J. A. Dunn, L. B.
Champion.
SABBATH-SCHOOLS—R. M. Allen, J. T. Mountain, W. D. Tidwell.
TEMPERANCE—J. J. McCord, J. M. Moore, W. M. Worthey.
PERIODICALS—W. C. Books, B. F. Luker, W. J. Williams.
ORPHANS' HOME—W. O. Jenkins, R. J. Adamson, H. M. Weaver.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

BRETHREN—We feel grateful for the attendance upon our session just closed, of so many visiting brethren from other associations—men whose lives are given largely to advancing the cause of our Master.

Herein are named our regularly accredited delegates to your respective bodies.

Fraternally,
CLERK.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

W. T. Davis, Lincolnton.	W. M. Worthy, Maitland.
J. W. Knowles, Lincolnton.	R. E. Conger, Hackneyville.
W. O. Jenkins, Lincolnton.	J. R. Conger, Hackneyville.
M. B. Garrett, Lincolnton.	J. A. Dunn, Daviston.
C. J. Bentley, Ashland.	J. C. Motley, Daviston.
W. C. Brooks, Ashland.	J. J. McCord, Gibsonville.
J. N. Moore, Ashland.	C. I. Wesley, Chandler Springs.
M. M. Driver, Millerville.	B. B. Cotton, Chandler Springs.
W. H. Harvell, Millerville.	Alex Allen, New Site.
R. M. Allen, Emuckfaw.	W. H. Preston, Barfield.
M. A. Johnson, New Site.	J. W. Stephens, Barfield.
A. J. Browning, Swan.	B. F. Fargason, Motley.
R. J. Adamson, Orelia.	James Muncus, Almond.
I. F. Morgan, Chandler Springs.	Oscar Johnson, Almond.
W. H. Johnston, Chandler Springs.	R. M. Dewberry, Cowpens.

LICENTIATES.

R. E. Willingham, Almond.	J. T. Anderson, Millerville.
J. L. Joiner, Maitland.	J. M. Fant, Daviston.
J. Willingham, Digler.	D. R. Laney, Daviston.
G. W. McMullin, Wheelerville.	S. Bennet, Daviston.
G. R. Wolf, Lincolnton.	J. W. Dean, Miller Valley.
N. D. Parker, Maitland.	J. W. Carden, Chandler Springs.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall meet annually as an advisory council, and shall be composed of messengers chosen by the churches of this union, and all regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order within the bounds of the body.

2. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, irrespective of numbers, and one for every additional fifty thereafter over fifty.

3. The messengers and ministers thus convened shall be denominated the CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present at each session, and shall be of the body, holding their offices until the next election. The Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the Association.

5. The churches of this union shall express in their letters the names of their messengers and their postoffices, Sabbath of meeting, amount of contributions, number baptized, received by letter, restored to fellowship, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last session of this Association.

6. No act of the Association shall be binding on the churches, but it shall be its duty to give advice in matters of difficulty and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

7. If any churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association.

8. Any church may withdraw from this Association at discretion, or, on application, may obtain a letter of dismission.

9. This Association shall use her own discretion as respects the cause of missions, leaving the churches and members to exercise their own opinion in such cases.

10. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church in the point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to endeavor to reclaim the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church shall then call in the aid of one or two other churches to act with the first two assisting churches; and it shall be the duty of the churches thus called, to investigate and decide upon the matter of dealing and to report the same to the Association; and if the said accused church be guilty as charged, the Association shall withdraw from her.

11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions of the same faith and order, and withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

13. This Association may have power to adjourn to any time and place she may deem most convenient.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for Letters from churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Proceed to election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters from churches desiring admission into this body.
5. Appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Receive correspondents.
7. DUTIES OF MODERATOR.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the members to order before the Association; to receive and submit all questions regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of decorum in debate among the members, and in general to perform all the duties incumbent upon a presiding officer.
8. DUTIES OF CLERK.—It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Association to keep a fair record of the proceedings; to notify committees of their appointment; to preserve the papers belonging to the Association, and to attend to the printing of the minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.
9. DUTIES OF MEMBERS.—Members rising to speak shall address the Moderator. 2. Any member, in speaking, shall confine himself to the subject under consideration. 3. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator. 4. No member will be permitted to indulge in talking or whispering, or any indecorous conduct, to the annoyance of the body in time of debate. 5. No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.
10. These Rules may be altered by a majority of the members at a regular session of this body.

STATISTICS OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	INCREASE BY			DECREASE BY			Present Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbath.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	SUPT. NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	
Antioch	Tallapoosa	J. A. Dunn	L. B. Champion	Truett	17							17				3
Antioch	Clay	C. I. Wesley	W. D. Parsons	Chandler Springs	49	12	15		8		1	49				2
Ashland	Clay	C. J. Bentley	R. L. Black	Ashland	126	11	12	1	14		1	135	7	75	Jas. R. Jarrell	3
Chel	Clay	H. C. Knight	A. W. Brewer	Goldville	68	5	8	2	5		2	75				4
Lawden Grove	Clay	Wm. H. Johnson	W. V. Thomas	Fiat Rock	60	1	2		16		2	45				4
Concord	Clay	J. A. Shaddix	T. S. Barton	Mosley	74	7	7	2	3		1	86	4	50	C. W. Shults	3
Crinith	Clay	R. M. Allen	J. F. Carter	Wesobulga	24							24				1
County Line	Clay	W. H. Preston	H. H. Beard	Mellow Valley	121	5	2	2	12	3	1	114				2
Aviation	Tallapoosa	J. L. Gregory	O. J. Ison	Davidston	157	3	12		26	4	2	140	6	75	Jno. D. Dunn	4
Friendship	Clay	B. B. Cotton	M. M. Horn	Chandler Springs	33	2	5	3	2			41				2
Good Hope	Clay	W. H. Preston	W. H. Griffin	Lineville	57	7			7		1	61	7	25	J. G. Hubbard	2
Hatchett Creek	Clay	W. H. Johnson	J. L. Ingram	Hatchett Creek	95		12	2	10	3		94	7	74	J. W. Lowrey	1
Olley Springs	Clay	A. C. Johnson	J. L. Jordan	Almon	28	4	2	1	2			29				1
Liberty	Clay	W. T. Davis	J. E. Upchurch	Ashland	83		7	1	4	1	1	90			J. W. Walker	2
Lineville	Clay	J. R. Stodghill	O. T. Smith	Lineville	213	28	9	3	20			232	7	115	H. J. Willingham	1-3
Mastra	Clay	W. M. Worley	T. E. Runyan	Ashland	76	12	11	1	3	3	1	89			J. P. Harvell	4
Millerville	Clay	C. J. Bentley	Felix Parsons	Millerville	104				4		1	99	4	40	J. I. Ogles	4
Mount Calvary	Clay	R. M. Allen	R. W. Claybrooks	Emucklaw	20	3	6		3		1	34	6	77	J. M. Davis	2
Mount Olive	Clay	H. R. Moore	J. W. Wright	Tomato	35	2	3					33				2
Mount Pisgah	Clay	W. A. Johnson	A. J. Mathis	Ayrshire	34	1	9		1	3		40	4	30	R. H. McCain	3
Mount Pleasant	Clay	W. H. Preston	Y. A. Bartlett	Barfield	60	3	6					71	5	89		4
Mount Prospect	Randolph	J. A. Shaddix	W. F. Strickland	Otelia	95	3	5	2	6	1	2	97				1
Mount Zion	Clay	J. W. Jones	J. W. Hughes	Millerville	50	5	6	1	3	1		61				2
Mountain Springs	Chambers	M. A. Johnson	B. H. Bishop	Howorth	11							11				2
Mount Lebanon	Clay				12							12				2
New Hope	Randolph	R. J. Adamson	J. D. Farrow	Swan	32	1	6	1	10		1	28				2
New Salem	Tallapoosa	M. A. Johnson	C. G. Cook	New Site	83		5	1	12		1	77				1
Pull Bridge	Clay	W. C. Brooks	G. L. Griffin	Chandler Springs	31		2	1	10	4		44				3
Provident	Tallapoosa	J. R. Conger	G. T. Vernon	Hackneyville	110		2		3	15	1	102	3	30	W. B. Solley	3
Rocky Creek	Tallapoosa	J. N. Moore	P. W. Mahan	Cowpen	61		2	1	5	7	1	75				3
Rock Hill	Talladega				23							23				3
Rock Springs	Clay	S. J. Ingram	J. B. Luker	Elias	73		4					74				3
Salem	Clay	W. M. Worley	W. M. Farrow	Wesobulga	189	15	12	7	11	7	1	198				3
Sardis	Clay	W. T. Davis	J. W. Hooton	Gibsonville	24				6			24			L. B. Gibson	3
Shiloh	Clay	W. M. Garrett	J. F. Preston	Maitland	83	3	28	2	9	5	1	81	6	20	J. F. Preston	4
Spring Hill	Clay	C. J. Bentley	J. T. Bonner	Idaho	87	7	4		7	1		91	6	60	M. A. Wesley	1
Union	Clay	W. M. Worley	J. A. Motley	Motley	66	3	11		9			73				4
Union Hill	Clay	H. Ingram	W. J. Williams	Coleta	14							14				4
Union Hill	Tallapoosa	R. M. Allen	W. B. Smith	Zana	45	13	1	2	7	2		52	6	55	L. W. Nelson	3
					2760	165	213	36	274	64	25	2819	85	780		

* Antioch Church organized during the year.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCH.	MISSIONS.								HOME EXPENSES.							
	State.		Home.		Foreign.		Bible and Col- portage.		Ministerial Education.	Incidental Education.	Orphans' Home.	Minutes	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, Etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Value of Property.
	CASH.	VOUCHER.	CASH.	VOUCHER.	CASH.	VOUCHER.	CASH.	VOUCHER.	VOUCHER.	VOUCHER.	CASH.	VOUCHER.				
Antioch (Tallapoosa)	50				1 50						1 20					
Ashland	4 92	8 99	4 92	2 00	4 91	8 68	3 00		2 50	2 71		8 05	200 00	7 00	9 00	5 00 00
Antioch (Clay)																
Bethel	3 00															
Bowden Grove			4 00				3 25									225 00
Concord			2 00													
Corinth																
County Line	65		25				2 50							25		
Daviston	5 25	7 05			2 60	4 16	5 50				4 12		150 00			250 00
Friendship																
Good Hope	2 00		2 00		3 70		2 50									
Hatchett Creek			2 00													
Holley Springs							2 50									
Liberty	3 75						2 50									
Lineville	13 00	6 70			13 75	9 28	20 00				3 25		400 00			1000 00
Lystra			3 35													
Millerville	2 75	3 73	2 75	1 60	2 75	6 66			75	1 20		2 00	32 42	1 50	6 00	
Mount Calvary			5 00													
Mount Olive							50				50					
Mount Pisgah											75			35		
Mount Pleasant	1 52	1 00	2 00				1 25	50			75			7 00		300 00
Mount Prospect	1 70		1 70				1 60									
Mount Zion	1 00															
Mountain Springs	75						35				65			2 95		500 00
New Hope	55															400 00
New Salem													50 00			250 00
Poll Bridge																
Providence	5 00	3 00	5 00		7 35		2 50					3 00				500 00
Rocky Creek																
Rock Springs	65				2 75		1 35				2 00		80 00			500 00
Salem																400 00
Sardis							3 70	1 30								
Shiloh					6 80		2 50				1 10		30 00	15 04		450 00
Spring Hill	4 20	2 70	4 20		4 20	2 68	2 50			1 10		1 85	44 91	9 50		150 00
Union																400 00
Union Hill																
Zion Hill																

NOTE.—Lineville, for church building, (not at home), \$2.00; Ashland, \$5.00 for Howard College; Mount Pleasant Sunday School, \$1.30 for missions; Shiloh Sunday School, \$1.50 for school expenses; Ashland, \$3.25 for Orphans' Home.

816.97
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866.97

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